

Ms. Murphy, who served a term as Mayor from 1999–2000 and Vice Mayor from 1998–1999, has an exemplary record of service to her community and has consistently strived to improve the quality of life in her city. First elected to the Burbank City Council in 1997, Ms. Murphy has contributed to the success of numerous municipal initiatives, including maintaining the city's electric utility, ensuring dependable power at reasonable rates for Burbank's consumers; completing Burbank's first lighted field dedicated to the sport of soccer; completing the community theater complex operated by the renowned Colony Theater; implementing the "Got Wheels" youth transportation program; approving the construction of a new Buena Vista library; and seeking to protect Burbank's residents from the adverse impacts caused by the Burbank Airport. As a representative of the citizens of Burbank, Ms. Murphy has been a force for finding common ground on the issues and challenges confronting the city.

Prior to her election to the City Council, Ms. Murphy served as a member of the Magnolia Park Citizens Advisory Committee, the City of Burbank Park and Recreation Board, her local School Site Council, the Roosevelt Elementary PTA and the Gate Advisory Committee. She has also brought leadership to the regional level, serving as a board member of the San Fernando Valley Transit Zone and as a representative to the Southern California Association of Governments.

Born on May 12, 1958 in Los Angeles, California, Ms. Murphy graduated from Hollywood High School in 1976 and attended California State University, Northridge. A Burbank resident for the past 17 years, Ms. Murphy is the proud mother of Sean, age 16, Robert, age 14, and Connor, age 8.

As Burbank Mayor Bill Wiggins has said, "Stacey Murphy does a great job of bringing opposing sides together and coming up with creative solutions that ensure everyone has been treated fairly." I am proud to name Stacey Murphy as 2001 Woman of the Year for California's 27th Congressional District.

TRIBUTE TO VICTOR "VIC" V.
VEYSEY

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2001

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I join today with my colleagues, Congressmen JERRY LEWIS, DUNCAN HUNTER and DAVID DREIER, to pay tribute to a most wonderful person, former Member of Congress, friend and great American—Victor "Vic" V. Veysey—who passed away at 85 last month.

Calvin Coolidge, America's 13th President, once said, "No person was ever honored for what he received; honor has been the reward for what he gave." and Vic Veysey gave much during his years of public service and teaching.

A member of the House of Representatives from 1971 to 1975, Vic Veysey made a great impact in a short amount of time upon the Imperial Valley, California and the nation. In fact,

I attribute an internship in his Washington, D.C. office for piquing my own interest in politics. It was 1973, during Vic Veysey's second term and the Senate Watergate hearings. It was an incredible time in American politics. More impressive, though, was how Vic ran his congressional office: he took time to understand his constituents, and their problems, and to do his homework, learning the issues and knowing how the issues would affect his constituents.

He is probably best known for his lifelong commitment to education, youth and democracy. Veysey graduated from Caltech in 1936 with a Bachelor of Arts in Civil Engineering and from the University of Harvard Business School in 1938 with a MBA in Industrial Management. The next natural course was to teach, which Vic did for 11 years at Caltech and Stanford. At Caltech, he worked on different rocket projects during World War II and aspects of the atomic bomb, Project Camel.

Vic Veysey then returned to his roots and began his political career—running and winning a seat on the Brawley School Board, where he was instrumental and a founding trustee in establishing the Imperial Valley College. In 1962, Vic was elected to the California State Assembly, where he served four terms (1962–1971). My colleague, Mr. LEWIS of California had the honor to work with Vic Veysey during his assembly days, before they were both elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

After leaving Congress, Vic Veysey served as assistant secretary of the Army during the Ford Administration. His love of education remained, however, and he returned to California to assume the directorship of Caltech's Industrial Relations Center, becoming a director emeritus for the Industrial Relations Department upon his retirement.

Vic is survived by his wife of 60 years, Janet, three sons, a daughter, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, looking back at Vic's life, we see a life dedicated to public service and education. An American whose gifts to the Imperial Valley and California led to the betterment of those who had the privilege to come in contact or work with Vic. Honoring his memory is the least that we can do today for all that he gave over his 85 years of life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2001

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, on March 20th, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall votes numbered 51 and 52. Rollcall vote 51 was on passage of H. Res. 67, recognizing the impact tuberculosis has on minority populations and the need to combat it on a worldwide basis. Rollcall vote 52 was on passage of H. Con. Res. 41, expressing sympathy for the victims of the El Salvadoran earthquakes. Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on both H. Res. 67 and H. Con. Res. 41.

ANNIVERSARY OF LUIS DAVID
AND NENITA RODRIGUEZ

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2001

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Luis David and Nenita Rodriguez's emerald wedding anniversary on March 9th.

They were married in 1946 at Our Lady of Mercedes Church in Havana, Cuba and have worked together to raise a family, accomplish careers, and now enjoy all the rewards of their labors together.

They have been blessed with one son, Luis David II, and two grandchildren, Luis David III and Luisa Margarita, who fill their lives with joy.

Mr. Rodriguez attributes the success of his marriage to his wife, who has always supported him in decisions impacting their lives, encouraged him to reach goals he aimed for, and is steadfast in her devotion to her family. Because a successful marriage is a joint effort, both Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez have contributed as much to reach this joyous celebration.

I want to join their family and friends in congratulating them on their emerald wedding anniversary and sincere wishes for many more anniversaries.

HONORING THE BIRTH OF PEYTON
MARGARET GORDON

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2001

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend and colleague the Honorable BART GORDON on the birth this morning of his first child, Peyton Margaret Gordon.

BART and his lovely wife, Leslie, are truly blessed with the birth of this beautiful little girl, who came into this world at a healthy 6 pounds, 12 ounces, and 18 inches. As a father myself, I know what this day means to BART.

I wish him and Leslie the best and hope the rest of their days are as full of love and joy as this day has been.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. MELISSA HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2001

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, Susan B. Anthony once said that she prayed every moment of her life. Not on her knees, but in her work. She said that she prayed to bring women to an equal standing with men. It is this sense of equality and justice that we celebrate during Women's History Month every March. As important as it is to recognize the courage and vision of women's past accomplishments, it is

even more important to take our cue from those pioneers and act to alleviate some of the injustices that still take place. One such injustice is the continuing problem of domestic violence.

Studies have shown that each year, more than 2 million women are assaulted by their partner—while the real number may be twice that. I do support efforts to counsel and change abusers. Many abusers have been able to change their attitudes and behavior towards their partners and keep their families together. Unfortunately, many have not, and the women, despite the threat to themselves and their children, stay in these abusive relationships. According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, one of the major reasons women stay in them is a lack of resources or fear of independence—a sense that there is nowhere else for them to go, and there is nowhere for them to get help. They believe that if they leave their partners, they will be forced into poverty and unable to provide for their children.

Strong women fought to break all women free from the shackles of being second-class citizens those many years ago. We vote, we work, and we succeed on our own. But too many still need help to enjoy this freedom completely. One of the most impressive programs that I have come across in my years in public service that addresses these concerns is New Choices/New Options. This program provides these new heads-of-household with the skills necessary to compete in today's marketplace. It is a program focused on providing assistance for displaced homemakers. What is most notable about this program is that in addition to teaching career development skills, it helps to instill a new sense of self-confidence in the women who participate in this program. Many women who come from abusive relationships not only need job training, but perhaps more importantly, they need the tools to help rebuild their lives—they need us to help them become pioneers for their children's futures.

Participants work one-on-one and in group settings to assess their needs and then design a plan to help meet these needs. They learn conflict resolution techniques and develop effective decision-making skills. This program helps participants build a safe and secure future for themselves and their families. It is so crucial that these women break this new ground like their sisters before them so they can break the cycle of domestic violence.

Domestic violence is a societal ill that can occur at any time, to anyone. Let us confront this issue head on, so that during some future celebration of Women's History Month, someone can take to this very floor and commemorate the end of domestic violence.

SCHOOL SHOOTINGS PLAGUING OUR SOCIETY

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2001

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise to discuss a tragic and horrible situation plaguing our soci-

ety, the incidences of school shootings. I would like to call the attention of my colleagues to the following article by Mr. John Telfer, which appeared in the Midland Daily News on Sunday, March 11, 2001. He offers great and truthful insight into the appalling social problem of school shootings. He correctly writes that the answer is not more unnecessary gun laws, but rather we must find a solution that addresses the moral breakdown in our society. He truly writes about "The Heart of the Matter."

THE HEART OF THE MATTER

(By John Telfer)

President Bush, in the aftermath of the latest school shooting, did not make a new call for gun control when commenting on the tragedy. Instead, he focused on the heart of the matter. "All adults in society can teach children right from wrong, can explain that life is precious," he said.

The media seemed almost disappointed. The last line of an Associated Press story read: President Clinton used a rash of school shootings during his term to call for stiffer gun control laws. Bush did not mention the issue.

Thank goodness. It is time for America to stop trying to use Band-Aid fixes to solve problems of the heart. Instead of seeking more gun control, we should be asking why some of our children think it is OK to kill people they dislike.

Let that sink in a moment. Some of our children think it is OK to shoot a person who has hurt them. That's a gun control issue? We need to face the facts as a nation that these kids no longer believe the commandment "thou shall not kill" applies to them. They have come up with their own definition of reality and it has nothing to do with what most people would deem morally correct.

A radio commentator the other day said we shouldn't be surprised by the violent actions of some young people. Every day they live in a world that encourages them to come up with their own definitions of right and wrong, from sexual promiscuity to illegal drug, alcohol and tobacco use to underage viewing of violent R-rated movies and more.

We encourage young people to come up with their own solutions to problems in school and life, often telling them there is no wrong answer. We don't want to place limits on their answers—that might stifle creativity. We expose them to images, concepts and viewpoints that require maturity to understand. We expect them to make good choices.

But in giving them all this freedom to choose, some kids are having a hard time figuring out where the boundary line is between acceptable and unacceptable behavior. The fact is our children need boundaries. They need rules. They need to know there are many incorrect solutions to the problems they are encountering. They need to be taught what is right and what is wrong and they need it pounded in their heads over and over and over again until you are so sick of doing it you are ready to throw in the towel as a parent. And then they need it again.

It's time for America to quit asking "why" these shootings keep happening. We know that answer. These kids have sick hearts. And they don't know the morally correct way to deal with the problems they are facing.

Our kids need to be taught right from wrong. They need to have boundaries they cannot cross without facing consequences. They need to know some values and beliefs

are not negotiable. And they need all of these things while being taught under a forgiving umbrella of love. Then, and only then, will America be attacking the heart of the problem.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL RICHARD P. MCFARLAND UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JOHN E. PETERSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2001

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Lieutenant Colonel Richard P. McFarland as he prepares to culminate his active duty career in the United States Air Force. Rich is the epitome of an outstanding officer and leader.

Lieutenant Colonel McFarland received his commission more than 20 years ago from the United States Air Force Academy. A graduate of Auburn University, as well as the Air War College, Rich McFarland has met the many challenges of military service as an Air Force Officer, and has faithfully served his country in a variety of command and staff assignments.

Rich concludes his career as the Special Assistant for Space, C3I and Intelligence in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs; he was instrumental in advising the Defense Department leadership on a broad range of national security issues of immediate interest to Congress. Rich's extensive knowledge of intelligence matters and space operations are instrumental in his role as the chief advisor to the Secretary of Defense, Deputy Secretary of Defense and other Department of Defense Officials regarding national security strategy issues.

Mr. Speaker, service and dedication to duty have been the hallmarks of Lieutenant Colonel McFarland's career. He has served our nation and the Air Force well during his years of service, and we are indebted for his many contributions and sacrifices in the defense of the United States. I am sure that everyone who has worked with Rich joins me in wishing him and his wife, Anne, health, happiness, and success in the years to come.

THE CLEAR YOUR GOOD NAME ACT

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2001

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, according to the Source of Criminal Justice Statistics, there were more than 10 million arrests in 1999 alone. Many of these arrests led to criminal convictions and helped make our streets and communities safer. The men and women of law enforcement play a critical role in enforcing our laws and creating a just society. We owe them all a debt of gratitude for their service.